



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
John R. Griffin, Secretary
Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary

Meeting of the MD DNR Sport Fish Advisory Commission
October 18, 2011
6-9 PM
Tawes State Office Building C-1
Annapolis, MD 21401

***Preliminary Agenda**

**5:30-6 PM – Dinner

6-6:10 - **Welcome & Announcements** – Marty Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service

6:10-6:20 - **NRP Report** - Kelley Johnson, MD DNR NRP (Handout)

Desired Outcome – Update the Commission on NRP Activities and answer questions from the Commission.

6:20-7:05 - **Regulatory Update** - Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)

- Draft Regulatory Scoping Process - Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Presentation/Discussion of Proposed Recreational Fishing License Suspensions, including questions:
 - Can DNR list the names of offenders in news releases? (from Commissioner White)
 - Can DNR list the number of previous offenses (if any)? (from Commissioner White)
 - How does the penalty system work?
 - What mitigating circumstances should Fisheries consider when giving a suspension?

(agenda item requested by Commissioner White) – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired Outcome – Address questions from Commissioner White, and provide overview of the penalty system framework.

- Free Fishing Areas Discussion and request of advice by the SFAC – Marty Gary, MD DNR Fisheries Service (Handout)
Desired Outcome – Receive advice from the Commission on the desired goals of free fishing areas, criteria for Siting of free fishing areas for now and in the future, retention/deletion of existing free fishing areas, and possible addition of new free fishing areas.
- Update Commission on MARI Donation Check Off – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update Commission on the feasibility of creating a voluntary donation check off on the 2012 Chesapeake and Coastal Sport Fishing License. Feedback from the Commissions on:
 - How the donation would be administered?
 - Who would the donation would go to?

7:05-7:25 - **Presentation on Monitoring of Tropical Storms Irene & Lee - Impacts to Chesapeake Bay** – Tom Parham, MD DNR Resource Assessment Service

Desired Outcome – Update the Commission on the status of monitoring after TSs Irene & Lee, and information available on the impacts of the storm.

7:25-8:15 - **Inland Fisheries**

- Liberty & Prettyboy Reservoir Fishing Center Concept – Commissioner Smith
Desired Outcome – Update the Commission on discussions with the City of Baltimore regarding opportunities for enhanced angler access through a fishing center concept.
- Wild Trout Status Report – Don Cosden, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the status of wild trout populations in Maryland & Questions from the Commission
- Upper Savage River Brook Trout Survey Discussion – Don Cosden, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the 2011 Summer brook trout survey of the upper Savage River & Questions from the Commission.
- West Virginia/Maryland Enforcement of Trout Regulations on the Potomac River - Don Cosden, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on enforcement issues on the North Branch of the Potomac/Potomac River trout fishery & Feedback from the Commission.
- Update on Gunpowder River State Park Incompatible Use Issue – Don Cosden, MD DNR Fisheries Service

- 8:15-8:50 - **Estuarine & Marine Fisheries**
 - ASMFC update: Lynn Fegley or Tom O’Connell
 - Discussion of Potential Extension of Chesapeake Bay Recreational striped bass season into December - Commissioner White
Desired Outcome: Obtain feedback from the Commission
 - Concerns regarding Maryland’s commercial pound net fishery - Commissioner White
Desired Outcome: DNR to hear concerns.
- Hail Cove (Chester River) Artificial Reef Presentation w/ feedback and request of support from SFAC – Dave Sutherland, USF&W Service
Desired Outcome: Request of support (or not) from the Commission for the project.

8:50 – 9 PM - **Public Comment**

9 PM - **Adjourn**

Next Meeting November 15th, 2011

***The Preliminary Agenda is subject to change**

****Dinner is served for Commissioners**